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Some time ago we received one hundred copies of "Christian Melodies," and wish to say in behalf of the Sunday school and church that we are more than pleased with them. We have had several visiting pastors recently, and when shown the books they could not believe they were the books you advertise as premiums. Those who receive The Century, to whom I have spoken, are satisfied with the paper. I thank you for what you have done for us, and hope you may enjoy unbounded prosperity with your good work.

Jas. S. Hofer, Perry, Iowa.

"Christian Melodies" appears to be a song-book of rarest merit. After using it in our church and Sunday school for about three months, we are of the opinion that it contains a larger percentage of first-class pieces than any book on the market. Of course, we cannot tell how long they will "wear," but we have sung many of them over and over again, and they seem to get better. Besides this, we are continually discovering that they are just as good as those that we thought couldn't be excelled. Whoever does not like the book must either not examine it closely—perhaps is not able to—or else is not gifted with a good judgment of such things.

J. H. Painter.

The Christian Century Company.—We have secured twenty-seven subscribers for your paper, and have received 108 of your song-books, and must say that we are more than pleased. Our church is simply delighted with them. We find more good songs than in any book of the kind we have ever used. Your offer is by far the most liberal offer we have ever had. Your paper is well received. May God bless you and enable you to go on doing good.

J. A. Brown, Minister, Eaton, Ind.

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Mrs. D. R. Battey, La Junta, Colo.

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E. T. Nesbitt, Calusa, Cal.

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Morton L. Rose, Pres. Oregon State Board.

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Mrs. E. J. Cochran, Center Point, Iowa.

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Simpson Ely, Singing Evangelist, Kirksville, Mo.

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D. H. Bower, Buchanan, Mich.

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ISSUES OF PROGRESS.

By B. A. Abbott.

The Next Revival.

According to Rev. G. Campbell Morgan, the next great revival will be an ethical one, as the last was emotional. They will go together. Conduct is the result of emotion. Emotion becomes harmful in revivals when allowed to vaporize. Let it become incarnate in a good deed and it is right. Emotion without good works is wasted energy. Here lies the evil of sensationalism.

Endeavorers Complimented.

Rev. F. B. Meyer said in an address at Northfield that when he needs any "dirty work" done in his church he turns it over to the Christian Endeavor Society. He meant that Endeavorers will do any work, however hard or unpleasant, for the Master. This is a fine tribute and speaking generally is deserved. It is true humility to go anywhere, attempt anything, be anything, the Lord commands.

Aspects of the Presidential Campaign.

It is a cause for rejoicing that there is so little excitement in the presidential campaign. This is not to be attributed to indifference. Probably the people have never been more patriotic than at this time. But people are thinking. Party obligations rest lightly, as they should. The average citizen is learning to give a reason for the faith that is in him. This augurs well for the country. If the people will stop their ears to the demagogue, and try to form views for themselves the country can be made great.

Dr. DeCosta Again.

Dr. B. F. De Costa, who left the Episcopal church because Dr. Briggs became a communicant of the same, said he did so to protest his loyalty to the Bible. Having become somewhat settled in his new home he says in the Catholic World that the church does not derive its authority from the Bible, but the Bible from the church. This is making the ecclesiastic not only greater than the scholar, but greater than the Bible itself. We do not suspect the sincerity of this new champion of Romanism, but we doubt his logical faculty. Where is it? If we had to choose between pure rationalism or ecclesiasticism—a fate happily not imminent—we would unhesitatingly take the former. But there is a middle way which is safe.

"Suggestive" and Dark.

Says The Congregationalist:

"It has been thought worth while to cable from London during the past week that a Chicago trust promoter, who boasts that he has won nearly a million dollars in gambling at the English races during the past month, is about to return home to capture, if possible, the nomination of United States senator from Illinois. The logic of the statement is suggestive."

Such a man is a more dangerous anarchist than those two poor deluded hair-brains, who were met at the port and

returned to Europe. Has a man any more right to disobey the law with dollars than with daggers? Neither a dollar nor a dagger in the hands of a good man is dangerous, but a gambler can take either one and ruin a community. In the United States senate he is like a cinder in the eye.

The G. A. R. and School Books.

At the recent encampment of the G. A. R. one of the subjects before them was the alleged sectional school books used in the South. They called upon publishers and others to help them in neutralizing these publications. We are too close yet to write the true history of the causes that led to the war of the sixties. Of one thing, however, are we certain, sectionalism is not so much the result of what is written as the use that is made of what is written. Let the southern historian collect his data and draw his deductions therefrom, and the northern historian do likewise. Each will call their efforts history. But it will only be the material out of which some one in the future far enough to get the true perspective and be delivered from the passion of sectionalism, will write the real history of the period. In the meantime let old jealousies die and put away childish things.

A Campaign of Conversion.

The Methodist bishops are inaugurating a campaign for 2,000,000 converts the closing year of the century. The plan as reported in the daily papers is that each member shall pledge himself to bring a certain number of converts. Undoubtedly we need a new conviction to the duty to go and make converts but it looks rather cool and mechanical to see a bishop sit down and calculate how many persons are due to be converted by each member. It is the impossible attempt to measure and tabulate spiritual power and its results. Such a movement will do some good but it is attended with very grave dangers not the least of which is the gathering in of a number of unconverted people. But if such an agitation will arouse the sleeping Christians of the land who are willing to receive but not give, it will do great good.

Little Colleges.

Prof. Harper comes out in another attack on the little college. He thinks it does not prepare a man to enter life with much in his favor. In this opinion he differs from many of the ablest educators in the land and what is still more unfortunate for the argument, experience is against him. The greatest factor of progress in the United States has been the little college. It made the men who made the greatest nation in the world. Prof. Harper is undoubtedly learned but he has not a scientific mind or he would see that the case is against him. Until one is somewhat formed in character, he makes a mistake to go to a large university. There is no heart beat. The chief factor in education is largely wanted, contact with great personalities. The university has books, and facts, and men far away from

you, while the little college has the men close enough to mold the plastic nature. We read a book and it does little for us and is soon forgotten. We meet a man and are never the same afterward.

A Cumberland Presbyterian minister, educated at one, puts the argument for the little college vs. the university thus: "Individuality was emphasized. One good trainer gives all his time to a blooded colt; one teacher to fifty young people. Some day we will prize our children beyond our colts."

The Catholics in the Philippines.

The final hearing is being given the Catholics in the Philippines by the Philippine commission. They are divided into two parties. The native Catholics want the friars expelled and the friars championed by Archbishop Chapelle want them reinstated. Archbishop Chapelle claims that he shaped the treaty of Paris under which they cannot be expelled. Here is an extract from a letter in the New York Evening Post which possibly shows the influence of the priest in public affairs, an influence which ought to be resented: "Archbishop Chapelle is taking an active hand in affairs, and now claims that he secured the recall of Otis. He has warmly championed the side of the friars, but church matters have not progressed except for several decrees from Otis depriving the priests of immunities and privileges they had enjoyed under Spanish laws. He and Chapelle had an animated correspondence, Chapelle reminding Otis that it was most important to President McKinley that matters be adjusted satisfactorily to the Catholics before election, and Otis replying (the best thing he ever did), 'You are a priest and I am a soldier. I did not know that it was the business of either to concern himself about elections.'"

Theological Changes in England.

No one is better qualified to write on this theme than Dean F. W. Farrar, D. D. He has seen many of them and helped to bring about not a few. He writes on the subject in a recent Outlook and mentions the chief and greatest changes, four in number. The first one is a changed view of God; the second, of the atonement; the third, of eschatology, and the fourth the view of inspiration. He believes the changes are all good. The general direction of these changes is toward greater simplicity in statement, and more reason in conception. He says the creeds are simpler, that people do not believe now in the forensic view of the atonement, but in the vital; that men believe more in God's mercy than formerly, and that the dogma of verbal inspiration is given up. It does not take a very close student of the times to see what changes have occurred, perhaps mostly in the feeling of the people theologically, ecclesiastically, ethically and spiritually. We believe also we have come to the gate of morning and find it already ajar. The shadows flee away, and Christ will become all and in all. From that there can be no change.

WEAVING.

Yes, I'm a weaver, and each day
The threads of life I spin.
And, be the colors what they may,
I still must weave them in.
With morning light there comes the
thought,
As I my task begin,
My Lord to me new threads has
brought,
And bids me "weave them in."

Sometimes he gives me threads of gold
To brighten up the day;
Then somber tints, so bleak and cold,
That change the gold to gray.
And so my shuttle swiftly flies,
With threads both gold and gray,
And on I toil till daylight dies
And fades in night away.

Oh, when my day of toil is o'er,
And I shall cease to spin,
He'll open wide my Father's door,
And bid me rest within.
When safe at home in heavenly light,
How clearly I shall see
That every thread—the dark, the
bright—

Each one had need to be!

—Christian Advocate.

THE PLACE OF EVANGELISM IN THE WORK OF THE DISCIPLES.

No one who has given consideration to the history of this people needs to be told that they believe in the work of the evangelist. From the very beginning of their history stress has been laid upon the proclamation of the Gospel in such a way as to call men to instant obedience. Mr. Campbell was not what might be called an evangelist in the popular sense. He was a persuader to the truth; he was a champion of new ideas; he was an interpreter of the Holy Scriptures; he was a strong antagonist of all false views of the Christian life; but an evangelist in the ordinary sense he was not. Yet interestingly enough, he called to his assistance, not so much by his personal endeavors as by the strength of his personality, men who were of the distinctly evangelistic type. On the one side, there was Walter Scott, perhaps the most remarkable evangelist of the reformation, and on the other, Barton W. Stone, whose work lay almost entirely within the field of the revival, while back of all stood the quiet, serene and yet aggressively evangelistic nature of Thomas Campbell, who gave breadth of view and strength of purpose to the whole enterprise.

Evangelism Permanent.

From such stock as this it is quite natural that evangelism should become a permanent factor in the work of this people. It is not strange, therefore, that in the history of the Disciples there appear so frequently the names of such successful revival preachers as John Smith, familiarly and affectionately called "Raccoon John Smith"; Samuel Rogers, T. M. Allen, John T. Johnson, Knowles Shaw, Benjamin Franklin, Dr. Belding and Isaac Errett. Not all of these names are familiar to the present generation, save as rather remote memories, but they will all be remembered by older Disciples; and what at first may seem strange will approve itself upon reflection, that Mr. Errett himself, with all his ability as a writer and organizer, was not less successful as an evangelist and his example

wrought widespread results in the work of this people.

Evangelism and Growth.

It need not, therefore be argued that the Disciples believe in evangelism and have a historic reason for their faith; nor is it less true that the remarkable growth which they have enjoyed is due in no small sense to this fact. Other religious communions which have seemingly had as fair promise have dwindled into comparative insignificance while we have gone on to numbers and a measure of success, for the reason that with us there has been present from the first the spirit of aggressive evangelism. It is necessary to anything like permanent and consistent growth. A people lacking this factor will inevitably decline in power, both because they will miss the true note of Christian fervor, which is one of the secrets of all success, and because on the other hand their ranks will gradually thin from the very failure to seek replenishment by the conversion of those without.

Every Living Church Is Evangelistic.

The same is true of the individual church. No church among us can be true to its purpose and mission which is not evangelistic. This does not mean that it dare neglect the other elements of Christian life, such as growth in a true culture and an interest in the organized work of the church in other directions; but an evangelistic spirit there must be or the church is foredoomed to failure. The preacher must be both pastor and evangelist. He needs this spirit for his own sake that he may catch the impulse of apostolic Christianity and reach the results needed in the upbuilding of his own congregation. To lack this element is to be only partially developed as a Christian minister. Nor is it impossible for a man not so inclined by nature to cultivate with sufficient care this spirit until he becomes effective in his evangelism. And then every member of the church needs to be fired with the same enthusiasm. Such a combination in the church is irresistible. It means that all the machinery will be set in motion for this as well as other results.

Christian Evangelism and Christian Culture

Fundamentally, therefore, we all as Disciples of Christ believe in evangelism because it is an element of New Testament preaching, because it has been a factor of our own history from the first and because it is essential to the life of the individual congregation, of its pastor and all the members. There can be no difference of opinion upon a question of this character. The two elements of evangelism and Christian culture must go hand in hand. A church that is wholly evangelistic without conserving its growing membership by careful training and a maturing of Christian life through exercise will fail of its duty, while, on the other hand, no church can depend alone upon Christian culture, however mature and commanding it may be, without the element of evangelism to give it balance and momentum. Every church needs to plan for an evangelistic campaign this winter. It will be the solvent of many difficulties in the life of the church. Disagreement, debt, discouragement will all disappear under the impulse of a strong and united effort to win men to the Gospel.

A SUGGESTION FOR OUR GENERAL CONVENTIONS.

The growth of a people like the Disciples of Christ necessitates from time to time the modification and improvement of methods which have been adequate in former days. One of these methods which has become a commonplace of our conventions is that of appointing committees to which the various portions of the secretarial reports are committed, with instructions to report suggestions. Thus in the Foreign Society there have been the committees on the various mission fields, such as China, India, Turkey, Europe, etc.; in the American Christian Missionary Society there are the committees on foreign populations, new fields, and others of similar nature to consider various features of the work, past and future, and each of the other boards is supposed to have a committee reporting upon its work. We wish to offer the suggestion that these committees have outlived their usefulness and are no longer necessary to our convention work, while they consume time which ought to be given to more important work. The following considerations will indicate some of the reasons why this suggestion seems pertinent:

Inexpert.

1. A given committee, we take it, is chosen with some care by the president or secretary of the convention which happens to be in session at the time, and perhaps has been chosen sufficiently in advance so that it has time to mature its report. Nevertheless this committee, however carefully chosen, will know less of the matters in hand than the board which has constant charge of the field. The report of the committee can, therefore, be nothing more than the suggestion of an outside party, whose only interest lies in its general relation to the work, and this report is made to the convention as instructions to the circle of men who are in the nature of the case experts upon the enterprise. The fact that the committee knows less of the whole matter than the board itself is one of the patent reasons why its work is useless.

Repetitions.

2. It is almost invariably the case that these committees make up their reports from those of former years. One of the first things each chairman does is to send for the reports of recent conventions, and upon them, with such variation of phraseology as may suggest themselves, he constructs the report for the current year. Now and then new elements are added by the suggestion of the secretary or by some one in the particular field upon which the report is made, but these are only inconsequential additions.

Useless.

3. Again these reports are, as a matter of fact, never used by the board itself. This body, which is appointed by the convention to have in charge the work in the different fields, simply ignores, as it has a perfect right to ignore, the reports presented by these committees and passed upon by the convention. Here at least for once it is recognized that the opinion of the board in session is worth far more than that of any committee unacquainted with the actual facts. Why, then, should time be taken to mature and

Wasteful.

then, should time be taken to mature and present these reports?

4. And this leads to another consideration which has already been practically covered, that the whole matter is a waste of time for the convention, and if any one will take the pains to look over the program of the convention and see how much time is bestowed upon these committee reports, he will see that it is a serious loss of time, too precious to be wasted.

Reasons for Continuance.

The only arguments that can be urged in favor of the custom of committees and reports beyond those committees on time, place, resolutions and other absolutely essential matters, which are very few in number, are, first that it has been the custom of our conventions from the first to observe this practice, which is simply saying that we must always be limited by methods which have once proved successful, but are so no longer; and, second, that this committee work gives opportunity to call into convention prominence certain men who would otherwise have no place on the program and might feel slighted for that reason. No one will, we think, give serious thought to this last consideration, though it has often been urged. People do not go to the conventions for purposes of publicity; if they do, they ought to be disappointed. Our conventions are for definite purposes. Every moment is valuable; every element of wastage should be eliminated; every archaic plan should be discarded. We have no doubt that the secretaries feel these facts as much or more than any others. We are wondering if it is not possible for them to receive the sanction of the brotherhood in abandoning a no longer useful custom.

HOW THEY DO.

It is interesting to watch the method of procedure in different churches and to see how a given congregation behaves itself in the house of God. We have in mind at this moment a congregation which may be representative or may be solitary in its practice, but it has some habits which are interesting to us as survivals of what occurs to us to be a rather undisciplined type of Christian worship. In a recent visit to this church we noticed that as the people came in they sat down and began conversing with each other in familiar fashion as though it were an ordinary gathering for any other purpose in the world than worship. They seemed to be unconscious that a church was different from any other building and that Sunday ought to be observed in any other fashion than other days in the week. Perhaps this was owing to a clear conviction that all places ought to be sacred and all times alike in the Divine presence; but we were strongly tempted to believe it was owing to the simple fact that they did not feel that the house of God had any special sacredness, but that it was a convenient place in which to talk over the events of the week.

The Conversation.

We caught fragments of conversation on several sides indicating that the events of the previous week were under discussion. One man was talking with his neighbor about a business transaction of the day before which he was ex-

pecting to consummate to his own advantage. A lady was discussing with her friend a dress-making enterprise and describing the various elements that entered into the new gown which was under way. A picnic was being planned on the seat in front of us, and various other scraps of conversation indicated a sufficient variety of topics to furnish forth a whole community. Presently the organ began the usual morning prelude, which we would have supposed would have put an end to these interesting conferences, but on the contrary, it only served to dislodge the day before, which he was ex-turb them sufficiently to cause all the conversation to assume a slightly elevated tone in order to overcome the obstacle which the organ raised. It was not until the minister arose to announce the opening hymn that a semblance of order was attained, and even then conversation died away reluctantly, as loath to give way, even for the brief period of divine service, to other considerations than those of secular affairs.

Is There a Moral?

We noticed the same tendency also at the close of the service. Was it true that the people were weary in spite of the fact that only a comparatively short time had been taken by all the proceedings of the hour, or was it simply a careless habit of disregarding the proprieties of the place? Several people around us began to prepare for exit as the exercises approached their close, and when the minister announced the last hymn there was a general survey of the field to ascertain the whereabouts of the worshiper's habiliments that no time might be wasted after the benediction had been pronounced. When the congregation arose to sing, several persons, as we noticed, began the work of putting on rubbers and reaching for hats, and by the time the hymn was finished several were gathering up umbrellas, as though bent on a rush for the door. When the benediction began there was a general inclination of the heads, accompanied, however, in several instances by furtive looks toward the aisle and the door, as if life was too precious to waste a single extra moment in the church. By the time the benediction had closed, some were actually moving quietly toward the end of the pews, and not a few had turned half way around to be ready for the rush. Nor was this element of apparent haste necessitated by a real desire to leave the house, for these same people in not a few instances waited to shake hands and resume the conversation interrupted before or discuss with other friends business and social engagements which must have effectively removed any latent memories of the sermon.

In a Hurry.

One wonders what to think of a congregation where such practices prevail. It is the standing mark of an inferior type of reverence, and a lack of courtesy toward the place and its services. It excites instant disapproval on the part of those who visit such churches, and who have been accustomed to worship where the proprieties of the house of God are observed. There ought to be some distinction between conduct at a church service and at a lecture or political meeting, yet some churches even of our own people, are quite too forgetful of the fact.

The Visitor.

THE RELATIVE DUTIES OF PASTOR AND PEOPLE.

It would be hard to point out the duties of pastor and people without first getting a clear idea of the church and what she stands for. And, as duty rises out of relationship, we may also inquire, Why does the church have a pastor and what are his relations to the congregation?

The church is a band of Christ's followers laboring together to advance His kingdom among men. The pastor is their chosen leader, teacher, minister, in spiritual things. It is only indirectly that pastor and people have any duties to each other. In a high and true sense all the duties of every Christian point toward God, and the pastoral relation is only incidental to His service. The pastor's obligation to his people is that of an undershepherd to his Master's flock. The respect and love due a pastor from his people is one with the loyalty they owe to Christ.

There are two main points of contact between the pastor and his people—the pulpit and the home, or the sermon and the pastoral call. In some of the larger parishes the work is divided, there being one to preach and another to visit the sick and look after such matters as belong distinctively to the pastor's work. Spurgeon had an able assistant in his brother, James A. Spurgeon, and Mr. Beecher a godly minded man—Mr. Halliday—to "tend the flock" while he preached in Plymouth church. Perhaps in such cases this is the ideal way, but it is not the usual way. Of necessity, one man must be both preacher and pastor in most congregations.

The Preacher's Business.

The first business of the Gospel minister is to preach. He has a message from God for the children of men, and in its preparation and delivery his best powers must be used. There are two wrong ways of going forward in the gospel ministry—head foremost and feet foremost. The man who goes at it head foremost is diligent in the preparation of his sermons and seeks to direct his people in righteousness by planting the seed of truth in the soil of human intelligence. His way is a good one as far as it goes. The other man stakes his success on his ability to walk from house to house and ring door bells in a telling way. His method is not bad, but it is not the best. There is a better way than either of these, and that is to take both head and feet along in the work. In most country and village churches the visiting pastor is most in demand and will be most popular for a time. He becomes a companion and familiar friend of his people, things much to be desired; but, except the flock be well fed from the pulpit, this tramping from house to house will not make a strong church nor develop sturdy Christians. The head method may be better. The strong, clear-cut discourse, powerfully delivered, will not stir much enthusiasm at first, for it demands thinking, a thing most people like to avoid in religious matters. It will come to be more attractive by and by, and the strong pulpit man will find a small but select constituency waiting on his ministry. But if there is not a sufficient amount of pastoral work, done in personal manner by some one, the church will not flourish. The few intellectual giraffes will delight themselves over the feed they get, but

the lambs will get hungry and stray away.

Exaggerated Visiting.

We have heard of a pastor who, when his people complained, took to visiting to satisfy them. On Monday he discussed laundry work with the good housewives, on Tuesday the talk turned to ironing, on Wednesday to baking, on Thursday to social duties, on Friday to dusting and on Saturday to cooking. Lord's day morning found a full house, but an empty preacher. He arose and said, "Brethren, with a desire to satisfy some of you who have been complaining of my work, I spent the past week in visiting among you. I have had no time to prepare a sermon, and of course you don't expect one." I never heard whether he lost his job on that trick, but if he didn't he ought to. No doubt he taught them a lesson by that exploit, but he could have done that without making a fool of himself. The man who attempts to do a year's visiting in one week lacks two important qualifications of a preacher—sense and discretion. It is of no use to growl because the people want to see the pastor in their homes occasionally. It is foolish for a preacher to say, "Oh, I can't visit. I'm no pastor; it's not to my taste." One thing is sure, the man who can't visit, who can't sympathize, who can't get into the lives of his people, will always be a one-legged pastor; he may be successful, but if he is it will be because the other leg is a mighty good one. The best thing anybody can do for a personal weakness is to give diligent attention to the development of that point. What would we think of a man who would punch out an eye because it's vision was a little dim? That's just what some preachers do in the matter of pastoral visiting.

S. S. Lappin.

(Concluded next week.)

HOW TO AVOID CROSSING THE DEAD LINE.

Some men preach because they have something to say, others because they must say something. Irrespective of age or scholarship the latter have crossed the dead line. If poets are born and not made, so are ministers of the Gospel. The preacher must have native fire or all culture will utterly fail to make him an acceptable herald. Some men should be prevented from entering this holy calling because neither nature nor grace ever intended they should occupy such a position.

Who Are Included?

I want all to understand that the preacher has the same privilege to grow old as the doctor, the lawyer, the statesman; and when he is old he has the same right to the honor which age confers. This approbrious phrase cannot rightly be applied to men incapacitated either by disease or old age. Will not a merciful and compassionate providence provide for these helpless ones till the love that "thinketh no evil" gains control of the church?

This subject is intended to include men of capabilities, whose powers are not devastated by disease or advanced age, and yet are worthless, yes, even injurious to the cause they represent. What shall be done with these ministerial re-concentradores? The Mrs. Ahabs would deliver the defenseless into the hands of the sons of Bellal, the minister-killing

by furnishing the grave-digger and undertaker employment, they are taken to the operating room and the process of vivisection is begun, to learn the cause of their present malady. This flying column of unemployed preachers is one of the bitterest actualities in all the purgatory of modern preacherdom.

The Demands on a Preacher.

The uncomplaining resignation of a minister is frequently the quiet withdrawal of a competent man of God from bitter and heartless persecution of some who have treasured up in fond memory only the things the preacher failed to do. His many weary walks, his many visits, his constant striving count for naught; only the things he did not do are remembered. These modern Gadarenes, with one accord, beseech him to depart from their coasts. He must either resign or go to the madhouse. Brethren, I would not be so irreligious as to say God could not make a man who could meet all the modern requirements demanded of the preacher but I am sure that he never yet has done so. I would suggest, as a partial remedy, to save some ministers from crossing the dead line, to shoot some of the minister-killing committees! Suggesting this as a mere defensive move I now turn to the preacher who has not crossed the line and who would rather suffer martyrdom than become a hindrance to the cause he loves.

What the Preacher Must Be.

We have already said that nature must bestow some favors upon a man before he can acceptably fill the high calling of God, in Christ Jesus. It is not necessary for me to insist on his thorough education for his work. His mind and heart and soul must be filled with the knowledge of God.

When he has been some years in the ministry he must not suffer delectable reading to supplant hard painstaking research. He must not become impervious to new ideas and new methods of labor. The truth of the Gospel never changes, but the manner of presenting truth does change. Vehicles still move on wheels, but the wheels of today are different from what they were in the days of Washington. So truth is the same, but the way of presenting it is different. The preacher, then, must not suffer himself to become antiquated in his manner of presenting the truth.

The preacher must not permit his mind to crystallize about a subordinate truth. He must keep it alert by rigid mental gymnastics. Never mount a hobby. The preacher must not travel on the side tracks but on the trunk lines. Many preachers blunder here. If a man like Gunsaulus can say to his congregation: "I do not know enough of politics, sociology, art, literature, music or science to justify your coming to hear me on these topics," do you think many preachers should begin to gabble about such themes on the Lord's day? The preacher who permits sociology, amusements or even temperance to monopolize his efforts will soon be dead while he lives. Christ and Him crucified is the only theme that can furnish food for hungry souls. Preach only that which you know to be true, for the time is short; preach only that which is of supreme importance, for the time is short. Hold on high in your pulpit, in your conversation, and in your life, the risen

and coming Lord, and the mildew of uselessness will never blight your efforts.

Unity of Purpose.

The preacher must not have more than one occupation. He must bring the best that he has and all that he possesses. He must not offer the same victim twice on the altar. However much care you may have spent on a sermon never look upon it as finished. Each time the lesson is given, let the dead thing be brought to life again by fresh study. If each preacher could have a molting season, when all his old sermons could be cast off as worn out feathers and experience each time the thrill of new thoughts his hearers would lose sight of the age of the herald. For a weak man with a strong gospel is mightier than a strong man with a weak gospel.

Each preacher should have a worthy ambition. Place-seeking blasts the usefulness of some ministers. The worthy ambition is not a large influential church and a splendid salary. The prize in the ministry should be the posts of greatest peril and hardship. The leaders of God's hosts on earth should be where foes are most numerous and helpers are most difficult to secure. The heralds of Jesus Christ are not on dress parade but are in the din and smoke of battle. Our work is not simply defensive but offensive. We have not only to defend what we have captured but we must take the fortifications which still confront us. Courageous men, valiant men, we need in the ministry. Give us such men and there will be no dead-line in the ministry.

There are a few preachers who cross this line because they know too much, that is not worth knowing. They can, to their own satisfaction, hang worlds on hairs and extract eternal salvation out of a preposition. They speak about "imminence," "content," and "ologies" galore. They seem to imagine that each hearer is deeply versed in all the wisdom and learning of the Egyptians. Their sermons are leaner than Pharaoh's lean kine, and less moist than a four thousand year old mummy. These men cross the dead line because their food cannot be eaten. Should any one swallow it he would cry out: "O man of God, there is death in the pot."

The Preacher's Devotional Life.

The public herald of the Gospel must spend much time in secret with God. His soul must catch the glow and warmth of the infinite. For never has the story of divine compassion been believed from lips that were not felt to be moved through divine love. He must hunger and thirst after righteousness.

Remember that childish things are as natural and suitable for children as gravity and sobriety are for middle life. Only truth has neither childhood nor old age.

We should understand the awful nature of sin. Many utterly fail here. The man who has never been profoundly moved and terrified when he studied sin and its direful consequences can never make men feel the awfulness of this crime against self and God. How many of us almost despair when we endeavor to conceive the enormity of sin? Where can I deepen my abhorrence of that which is evil? By seeing what suffering and sorrow sin inflicts on the innocent. Gather up all the woe of earth and you see the cruelty of sin. Study the nature of God, his goodness, his love, his mercy; remembering that God who cannot lie

cannot pass an unkind or unjust judgment and yet read, ponder, absorb, eat the judgments which God has spoken against sin. Brethren, if God's judgment against sin is right, man's estimate of sin is wrong.

Let each look upon God's remedy for sin as involving the death of his only begotten Son. "I say the truth in Christ, I lie not, my conscience bearing witness with me in the Holy Spirit, that I have great sorrow and unceasing pain in my heart. For I could wish that I myself were anathema from Christ for my brethren's sake, my kinsmen according to the flesh." If preachers dwell upon this divine remedy for sin till the points of the nails are in their hands, the spear thrust in their bodies and the deep world agony for the lost in their souls, they will never cross the dead-line in the ministry.

Harry Minnick.

NOTES BY THE WAY.

Washington has had a tropical summer. Thousands have gotten away from the blazing asphalt and sought relief at the sea or on the mountain, but thousands more have had to grin and bear it. We have not omitted a service at the Vermont Avenue Church, and the pastor has been in place every Sunday save one, when G. M. Kersey of Bethany did the preaching and did it well. There have been several additions to the church. Yesterday (26th) the closing Sunday of summer, there was one confession and one united with us by letter. The thermometer stood at 96.

Last week I preached six times, and enjoyed it. Three days were spent at Gilboa, in Louisa County, Va. This was one of my old pastorates. It is the church of the Pendletons, and the mother church of many a flourishing congregation. L. A. Cutler is now pastor. James Vernon will hold a meeting there in September. On this trip I met L. A. Cutler, E. L. Powell and B. P. Smith. Dr. P. B. Pendleton is the present patriarch of Gilboa. Some of the pillars were my converts in '74.

One of my trips in August was west. Aug. 8 found me and several thousand politicians in Indianapolis. Bryan was there, and a call at the Grand Hotel gave me a splendid opportunity to study Hoosier politics and politicians. Uncle Josh was there, and St. Wilkins, and even Aunt Mary and the boys had taken a day off to see the great anti-imperialist. I switched off to Bethany Park. Perhaps 50,000 people missed the way and instead of coming to hear me at the park, listened to the Democratic spellbinders. Bethany looked well this summer. Its trees have grown. Its cottages are more numerous. Its fellowship is as delightful as ever. It was good to be there. I had only one day with them, and that a part of the state C. E. convention. B. L. Allen presided and the reports were very encouraging. There are 611 C. E. societies in our churches in the state, a gain of sixty the past year. Here I met L. L. Carpenter, who has dedicated 511 churches and raised for them three-quarters of a million dollars, and who looks as if he might double this before the Lord calls him. Here I heard a magnificent address from C. S. Medbury, and enjoyed the fellowship of such men as Cale, Cole, Krim, Scofield, Allen, Pounds, Sellers, Thorp,

the Whistlers, Fraisers and others who belong to the Lord's chosen ones.

From Bethany it was but a short day's ride over to St. Joseph, Mo., where I attended the Maysville Chauauqua, thirty miles away. One of the leading spirits in this institution is Judge W. H. Rogers, a grandson of the famous pioneer, Samuel Rogers. Here it was worth while to preach to two or three thousand people under a tent, with a temperature of 100. Heat and dust have no special objectionable features to me when preaching. An hour's sermon on a hot day is no tax, but a luxury. It is a zero temperature that I cannot endure.

There are many Disciples in this north-west Missouri and they are of excellent quality. Several faces that have been familiar in Vermont Avenue, Mrs. Timmins, a daughter of Henry T. Anderson, and Mr. and Mrs. Will Gordon of St. Joe, greeted me under the tent. These Chauauquas are springing up everywhere in the West, and they are great educators. It was my pleasure to visit Maysville four years ago, when this was opened, and it promises to be a permanent and very useful assembly. Farmers come for many miles and camp here during the sessions and derive with their families great benefit from the lectures, concerts and various educational and religious exercises. Our pastor at Maysville is H. S. Gilliam and he and his good wife are in a blessed and prosperous ministry. The church has headquarters on the grounds, with a supply of free literature and a gracious welcome for all.

To return to Washington. Bagby, Wright and Kimmell have all been busy all summer. Jesse E. Martin, a young preacher from Bedford, Indiana, and a graduate of the last class turned out at Bethany, is located here. E. B. Bagby is about to open a mission in ancient Alexandria across the Potomac. Our people have not yet begun to return from their summer vacation. Sunday, 26th, was the last Sunday of my twenty-fifth year of service at Vermont Avenue. There were only seven present who were with the church a quarter of a century ago. My silver jubilee is here.

F. D. Power.

CIVIC PROBLEMS.

The Chinese Situation.

Almost as soon as there was official confirmation of the relief of the foreign legations at Peking the wires flashed the intelligence that General Grodokoff had telegraphed the Russian Government that the right bank of the Amur has been conquered and is no longer the frontier, but an internal river of the Russian Empire. The purpose of Russia to make the most of the present difficulties is thus clearly disclosed. The sunny clime and fertile plains of China are more to be desired than the ice-bound coasts and snow-covered valleys of Siberia. While the fighting continues in the streets of Peking the Czar is informed of the success of his arms and of the acquisition of new territory to his domains. The surmise is that the purpose of Russia was clearly defined before the conflict began. She is following up a policy formulated many years ago and evidently means to eventually annex Manchuria at least to her already vast empire. Germany is incensed and will persist in a harsh if not cruel course. Japan has already intimated that the leaders of the Boxer movement

must be punished, but will not require the lives of the Emperor and Empress Dowager. English troops have been landed at Shanghai, and France immediately protested. The powers are jealous of each other and appear to be afraid that some nation will get some advantage out of the present critical stage of affairs in the Orient.

Our Position.

It is of interest as well as of importance to us to understand the position taken by the United States. From the former practice and settled policy of our government not to interfere in the political questions affecting European and Asiatic powers it would seem that we would do no more than protect American interests already established. The changes which have been wrought within three years have been so great and the departure from former principles have been so radical that precedent is not a safe guide. America seems to have suddenly become a world power with some of the ambitions of her European neighbors. The best indication of our present Chinese policy is the note of Secretary Hay of July 3, 1900, which is more interesting than when issued by reason of recent developments. It contained the following declarations:

"The purpose of the President is, as it has been heretofore, to act concurrently with the other powers.

"First, in opening up communication with Peking and rescuing the American officials, missionaries and other Americans who are in danger.

"Secondly, in affording all possible protection everywhere in China to American life and property.

"Thirdly, in guarding and protecting all legitimate American interests; and,

"Fourthly, in aiding to prevent a spread of the disorders to the other provinces of the empire and a recurrence of such disasters."

The secretary of state found it convenient to add the significant words:

"It is, of course, too early to forecast the means of attaining this last result, but the policy is to seek a solution which may bring about permanent safety and peace to China, preserve Chinese territorial and administrative entity, protect all rights guaranteed to friendly powers by treaty and international law, and safeguard for the world the principal, equal and impartial trade with all parts of the Chinese empire."

The first purpose has already been achieved. It remains to be seen whether this government will insist upon the preservation of the Chinese territorial and administrative entity. Co-operation with the allied powers does not seem possible, for already their selfish purposes are apparent. Unfortunately they are likely to prove that the Chinaman's fear was not wholly groundless. He said, "First missionary, then consul, then general." He evidently knows something of the tendencies of the powers which maintain a colonial policy. Will it be wise to partition China and make her politically dependent upon foreign governments? Selfishness is quite as reprehensible in national as in individual life. That which will best serve the highest and truest interests of the Chinese people should control in the settlement to be made. They too, should have life more abundantly. "Righteousness exalteth a nation; but sin is a reproach to any people."

Washington, D. C. Andrew Wilson.

NOTES AND PERSONALS.

Boys

And girls

See the last page

Everyone will be rewarded.

Someone will secure twenty dollars in gold.

A new church is being organized at Squirrel Hill, Pa.

C. F. Swander is holding a successful meeting at Douglas, Neb.

R. G. Frank's meeting at Corinth, Ky., closed with nine additions.

N. E. Cory preached his farewell sermon at Barry, Ill., Sept. 9th.

Western Pennsylvania Convention is to be held at Somerset, Oct. 2-4.

James W. Zachary begins a meeting Sept. 20th at Allensville, Ohio.

The Danbury, Conn., church holds its Sunday School rally this week.

W. N. Arnold preaches alternate Lord's days for the Banksville, Pa., church.

R. E. Jope, one of the active New England preachers, has located at Alba, Pa.

F. W. Norton preached his first sermon as pastor at Irvington, Ind., Sept. 2d.

W. W. Weedon has composed a "Jubilee Song" for the Illinois Convention, Oct. 2-4.

Walter C. Gibbs writes that the new building at McKee's Rock will be started this month.

E. M. Martindale of Dayton, Iowa, is publishing a song, "O Wondrous Cross." Price, 10 cents.

The Maysville, Ky., Sunday School has recently started a library with fifty choice volumes.

G. D. Edwards goes to the Nevada, Mo., church, after two years' post graduate work at Harvard.

Pastor Long at Quitman, Ga., lost all his books and most of his clothing in a hotel fire recently.

Evangelist F. A. Bright of Painesville, Ohio, begins a meeting soon with the Austintown Church.

A. W. Kokendoffer of Kansas City, Mo., held a meeting at Bramblette, Ky., while resting this summer.

The church at Bluff City, Kan., Frank Talmage pastor, is doing some fall house-cleaning and refitting.

Georgia holds its jubilee convention Nov. 20-23, at Augusta, rounding out 50 years of co-operative work.

Geo. A. Miller of Covington, is assisting in a good meeting at Pleasureville, Ky. Geo. H. Farley, pastor.

W. J. Lhamon paid us a call last week while on his way to the bedside of his sick mother at Liscomb, Iowa.

H. W. Talmage, editor "The Light House," will preach at Maple Creek church, Pennsylvania, Sept. 16.

Boys, fill out the blank on the last page of this paper and send it to the Christian Century without delay.

Frank G. Tyrrell is preaching Sunday afternoons at 4 o'clock at Central Y. M. C. A., 153 La Salle street, this city.

California, Pa., entertained the annual convention of the Washington and Greene county churches, Sept. 7-9.

E. P. Wise, Somerset, Pa., was announced for a Bible institute at Confluence, Sept. 3-6.—The Light House.

Central Church, Columbus, Ohio, took the offering for Church Extension last Lord's Day. Have you taken yours yet?

Parents who have bright boys and wide-awake girls should read the last page of the Christian Century this week.

E. B. Widger, pastor of Central Church, Columbus, Ind., spent his vacation at Elk Rapids, Mich. Bro. W. is a fine fisherman.

Burriss A. Jenkins passed through Chicago last Tuesday, returning from Petoskey, Macatawa and other Michigan points.

The new building on the south side, Youngstown, Ohio, will be dedicated when Geo. Anderson returns from Europe.

W. D. Cunningham, former evangelist for Ontario, Canada, will settle in Pennsylvania. He preached at Greensburg Sept. 2.

Dr. H. L. Willett is preaching for the Hyde Park church during September. The new pastor, Dr. E. S. Ames, is expected October 1st.

T. E. Cramblett, East End church, Pittsburg, preached last Sunday morning on "The Work of the Fall and Winter in Our Church."

Lawrence F. McCray, after a successful pastorate at Chillicothe, Mo., has gone to evangelizing. Address him at Des Moines.

Pastors and friends of the Christian Century will favor the boys and girls by calling their attention to the last page of this issue.

F. F. Fuller, pastor Greensburg, Pa., church, read a paper at the ministers' meeting Sept. 3d, on "The Creed of the Christian Church."

We regret to learn that J. T. Brown, editor the Christian Guide, is at Asheville, N. C., compelled to seek the restoration of his health.

Girls, you have the same opportunity to secure the twenty-dollar gold piece which the boys have. It is simply a question of enterprise and work.

Twenty-five additions in the meeting at Mina, Kas., by E. J. Sias and H. M. Johnson. Bro. Johnson says: "Results far exceeded our expectations."

W. B. Taylor is working like a Trojan to pay off the North Side Church debt before leaving the city. We hope he will succeed, and then—stay!

Mrs. S. W. Crutcher, wife of the pastor at Pine Bluff, Ark., has been spending the summer with her son, Dr. Howard Crutcher, of Chicago.

Elmer T. Davis of Kansas City is authority for the statement that, in the state of Kansas, of our 400 churches, only 190 have regular preaching.

Joseph E. Cain will preach for the Meridian, Okla., church at their annual meeting, to begin Wednesday, Sept. 26th, and continue over Lord's day.

A. McLean of the foreign office paid a short visit to the city last week, and spoke to the members of the Divinity House at their weekly assembly.

Benj. L. Smith visited the Iowa Convention last week. Sorry he did not find time to ring our bell as he passed through Chicago. Try again, B. L.

Pastor Davis of Springfield, Mass., will enter Hiram College for additional study this fall. His church reluctantly grants him leave of absence for this purpose.

Mr. Butler Jack, a southern Disciple, visited Chicago this week to look after the publication of a work on Bible chronology. We acknowledge a pleasant call.

Dr. E. S. Ames, the pastor-elect of the Hyde Park church, is finishing some institute work in Indiana this week, and will begin his Chicago work October 1st.

M. E. Harlan, the Brooklyn, N. Y., pastor, spent a part of his vacation on a trolley trip through New England. He preached two Sundays in Swampscott, Mass.

The B. & O. R. R. has granted a flat rate of \$30.50 from Washington to Kansas City and return on account of the national convention of the Disciples of Christ.

R. B. Neal announces the yearly meeting of the churches in the "Ashland District," Kentucky, to begin Thursday, Sept. 13th, with the church at Oak Grove, Carter County.

The Missouri convention will be in session at Moberly, Sept. 17-20, busy with a long, strong program; so likewise the New York convention, at Niagara Falls, Sept. 17-21.

The ladies of University Place church at the Des Moines convention served dinner and supper in the basement, feeding nearly everybody in attendance. The service was excellent.

A. W. Taylor, pastor of the Norwood Church, Cincinnati, who is at Chicago University for the present quarter, reports encouraging progress in that city in missionary extension.

Davies County, Indiana, churches held their twelfth annual meeting last week at Montgomery, near Washington. A basket meeting last Lord's day was a happy feature of the gathering.

The minutes of the Tidewater convention, Virginia, are just from the press and they include a very interesting account of the recent excellent convention held at the Rappahannock church.

We learned that these are provided and arranged during the entire year by one of the faithful workers in that church, Mrs. Mattie Smith. Any church ought to appreciate such aids to the worship.

The Alleghany (Va.) convention was held in Craig County, at Forks Church. It was largely attended. Excellent sermons and addresses were delivered, and a sweet and harmonious spirit prevailed.

The Pacific Christian mentions with hearty approval the work of Hiram Van Kirk, the new dean of the Berkley Bible Seminary, at the California state convention. The professor is sure to make friends.

J. W. Ball, the pastor of the Church of Christ at Burr Oak, Kan., carries his Christianity consistently into his business. We appreciate his kind words in regard to the excellence of the Christian Century.

Richard Moore, son of W. T. Moore of Columbia, Mo., and a teacher in the scientific department of the state university of Missouri, was in the city a short time last week visiting friends at the university.

W. B. Taylor attended the last meeting of the State Board at Bloomington a few days ago. The C., B. & Q., the C. & A., and the Santa Fe are the roads that will help carry delegates from Chicago to Kansas City Convention.

J. Fred Jones, the Illinois secretary, has issued Bulletin No. 3 concerning the jubilee convention at Bloomington. It gives full instruction to delegates, as to railroad rates, entertainment, etc. Address Bro. Jones at Stanford, Ill.

Angus McKinnon, the business manager of the Christian Century Company, is in the East, looking after the interests of the company. He will visit Detroit, Buffalo, New York, Boston and other eastern cities. This is the manager's way of taking a vacation.

The mail service in London was very poor this summer. Among those who failed to receive their mail was the president of the Christian Century Company, Bro. Young received a number of returned letters recently and hopes his friends will be patient until he can reply.

H. H. Jackman of Union church, Chicago, paid us a call last week, and showed his good taste by selecting the art edition of our premium Bible, and sending the Christian Century to his mother, Mrs. N. P. Jackman, East Liverpool, Ohio, and also to A. H. Jackman, Weatherford, Okla.

A. Immanuel Zeller preached his last sermon as pastor at Orlando, Okla., Sept. 2d. Two young people made the confession and were baptized "the same hour of the night." Bro. Zeller goes back to the School of the Evangelists at Kimberlin Heights, Tenn., to remain two years more.

F. W. Troy had two baptisms at Smyrna church, Virginia, last week. He now preaches every first and third Sunday afternoon at a Baptist mission near Dunnville. This indicates good relations in that section between the Baptists and the Disciples. This week he is in a meeting at Philippi.

Meade E. Dutt, the enterprising pastor of the Bangor Church of Christ, is in the midst of a meeting. The well-known evangelist, H. C. Patterson, is doing the preaching while Bro. Dutt does his own solo singing. The Christian Expansionist is a wide-awake sheet published in the interest of the Bangor Church.

Chas. M. Fillmore writes from Cincinnati, Ohio, a note regarding the work of the Anti-Saloon League, of which he is a member. It seems that there has been an increase of 54 saloons over the number last year, in spite of the work of the league; perhaps, however, this is less than it would have been, had there been no league.

J. W. Allen, pastor West Side Church, made the Christian Century office a pleasant call last week. He reports progress on the new building, which when finished will be the best auditorium belonging to the Disciples of Christ in Chicago. Bro. Allen has done more than any other preacher now in Chicago for the permanent upbuilding of our cause here.

We are giving unusual space this week to the relations of pastor and people. At this season of the year when many pastorates are beginning, and many others are being renewed after the vacation nothing needs more thoughtful consideration by both pastor and people than the relations they sustain to each other. Preachers should criticise themselves from the standpoint of the pews. Members should put themselves in the pastor's place, both in the pulpit and on the rounds of pastoral work and see the difficulties a preacher has to face. Both would benefit by the experiment. "Put yourself in his place," and then try to do your best in your own place.

We propose to make a special feature of our book trade from this time on. It will be possible for our readers to secure from us any book noticed in our

columns, or indeed, any book published. If you want a book on any subject write us and we will quote you price on it. We shall give the usual discounts to ministers or students, so that you can buy as cheaply from us as from the publishers. We have established relations with the various publishing houses which enable us to do this. Watch our special book bargain department which will begin in next week's issue. Meantime write us for any book you want, or for lists of books on any subject.

Carlos C. Davis writes from Davenport, Iowa: "Our third year's work here opens auspiciously. There were forty-eight added to the church during the year just closed; thirty-three of the number by confession and baptism. Prospects are brighter for the church than for many years. We are expecting J. A. L. Romig to assist in a meeting next spring."

The charm lent to a religious service by the appropriate use of flowers is scarcely appreciated even by those who enjoy their presence in the house of God. We were especially impressed with this fact in a recent visit to the Hyde Park church, where not only was the pulpit tastefully decorated, but the communion table was enriched by a tasteful use of flowers.

The program of the Michigan State Convention, to be held Sept. 17-21, at Grand Rapids, reached us too late to print entire. The Ministerial Association occupies the opening sessions, commencing Monday night with a "model sermon" by T. W. Grafton of Ann Arbor. The names of G. P. Coler, C. B. Newnan, G. K. Berry, F. P. Arthur, Alex. McMillan, and other well-known Michigan men appear in this division.

The C. W. B. M. session opens Wednesday morning at 9:30; the Sunday School session, Friday, Sept. 21; the Missionary Society, Thursday, Sept. 20, and the Y. P. S. C. E., Friday afternoon. Officers of the society: President, G. P. Coler; vice-president, C. B. Newnan; corresponding secretary, Alex. McMillan.

A national convention will be held at the Moody Institute in Chicago Sept. 19-26, which it is hoped will do for the West what the Northfield Conference has done for the East and the South. Bible expositions will be given by Drs. Gray, Torrey, Newell, and Patterson, and well-known speakers will deliver addresses; among the latter we note the names of C. N. Crittenton, Marion Lawrence, Major Cole and W. R. Moody. Prof. D. B. Towner will conduct the music. For particulars as to railroad rates, etc., address Rev. H. W. Pope, secretary, 80 Institute place, Chicago, Ill.

We are glad to have the picture of Bro. Cary E. Morgan greet the Christian Century readers this week. Bro. Morgan is a graduate of Butler College and was for years pastor of the Christian Church at Wabash, Ind. Bro. A. M. Atkinson, who left this earth to go home to God during our last National Convention, and Sister Atkinson, who is national vice-president of the Christian Women's Board of Missions, were his ever faithful fellow workers. After leaving Wabash Bro. Morgan had a successful pastorate of several years at Minneapolis. He is now pastor of one of the strongest churches among the Disciples of Christ—the Seventh and Grace street church in Richmond, Va. He is not only a strong and spiritual preacher but ranks among

the very best of our pastors. In his pastoral work he is greatly aided by his excellent helpmate. As the Christian Women express it Sister Morgan is a host in herself. A letter from Bro. Morgan assures us the Christian Century readers will soon have the benefit of his Religious Outlook column.

A striking portrait of Field-Marshal Count Von Waldersee, now on his way to China to become commander of the allied forces there, is presented in the September Magazine Number of The Outlook, together with many other pictures relating to the present crisis in China. (\$3 a year. The Outlook Company, New York.)

Francis C. McCallister died at the home of his son in Rockwell City, Iowa, August 24, 1900, at the age of 76 years and 6 months. He was born in Warren county, Ohio, in 1824. United with the Christian Church in 1854, and continued faithful to the end. Was a member of Company G, Fourth Iowa Infantry, an ideal soldier, and returned home with an honorable discharge.

The following summary indicates the work done during the month of August in Kentucky, as reported by H. W. Elliott, secretary: Number days worked by evangelists, including the secretary, 366; number of additions, 129; total amount collected for all purposes, \$1,381.59. One new church was organized. The amount collected was sufficient to pay all the men at work till August 1. The state convention was a very excellent one and gives confidence and hope for the future. More churches gave the past year than for several years and more of them reached the apportionment in full.

Our Baltimore office had a very pleasant call some days ago from Brother William H. Clemmitt, of Richmond, Va., who is now under the eaves of 80 years, but the Lord has kept him well, for he looks at least twenty years younger than that age. He is no stranger to the Virginia work for few men have done as much, and against a greater odds for the cause in the old commonwealth than William H. Clemmitt. He was the publisher of the old Christian Examiner, which for thirteen or fourteen years was a paper of great usefulness, especially in Virginia. At a considerable annual loss Bro. Clemmitt kept this paper in the field, and it rendered an important service. From the organization of Marshall Street Church, some time in the '70s, he has been one of its elders. He is an honest man all through, quiet in manner, modest as a woman and as fine example of Christian integrity. Men like Bro. Clemmitt have made this world better, and it is a pleasant recollection to know them.

There is considerable mining activity in the Black Hills, and a number of new mines are being opened up. Comparisons made between the present condition of mining in the Black Hills and that of Colorado, Idaho and other western precious metal states are not at all unfavorable to the former. Last year upward of \$8,000,000 was taken from Lawrence County mines, one of them being the Homestake. There is said to be not more than one stamp mill standing idle in the county. And yet the Black Hills mining industry can be said to be practically in its infancy, for there are great areas which will ultimately prove of great productiveness that yet remain unnoticed and unexploited.

CHRISTIAN WOMANHOOD.

Helen E. Moses.

FROM BASSI'S SERMON IN A HOSPITAL.

If Christ Himself shall come to thee,
and stand
Beside thee, gazing down on thee with
eyes
That smile and suffer; that will smite
thy heart,
With their own pity, to a passionate
peace;
And reach to thee Himself the Holy Cup,
(With all its wreathen stems of passion
flowers
And quivering sparkles of the ruby stars),
Pallid and royal, saying, "Drink with
Me";
Wilt thou refuse? Nay, not for Para-
dise!
The pale brow will compel thee, the pure
hands
Will minister unto thee; thou shalt take
Of that communion through the solemn
depths
Of the dark waters of thine agony,
With heart that praises Him, that yearns
to Him
The closer through that hour. Hold fast
His hand,
Though the nails pierce thine, too! Take
only care
Lest one drop of the sacramental wine
Be spilled, of that which ever shall unite
Thee, soul and body, to thy living Lord!
Therefore, gird up thyself, and come,
to stand
Unflinching under the unfaltering hand,
That waits to prove thee to the utter-
most.
It were not hard to suffer by His hand,
If thou couldst see His face—but in the
dark!
That is the one last trial—be it so.
Christ was forsaken, so must thou be
too;
How couldst thou suffer but in seeming,
else?
Thou wilt not see the face nor feel the
hand,
Only the cruel crushing of the feet,
When through the bitter night the Lord
comes down
To tread the winepress. Not by sight,
but faith,
Endure, endure—be faithful to the end!

PRIMARY WORK IN THE SUNDAY SCHOOL.
PART II.

The Lesson Hour.

The teacher cannot be too well prepared for the lesson hour. No lesson leaf belongs to this period. The Bible may be open before the teacher, but the lesson should be so well prepared that the teacher need not refer to it, except to call attention to it as God's word.

The teacher needs not only to study the thought of the lesson, but also the language in which she will express it, for without care in this the mind of the children may be confused or wrong impressions conveyed. Too many general statements should not be made. The teacher should be definite. In describing a person or place she should not use one set of adjectives at one time and another set when she again refers to the same subject. The object of such reference should be to deepen the impression already made and to disregard this rule will result in weakening it.

The teacher may use her imagination, but should remember that what she has

seen, known and felt should form the foundation of her creations, should furnish the material with which she builds. The shadows of her world of imagination should be shadows of reality. Dickens seems a very imaginative writer, yet it is said he wrote with a painstaking that was almost anguish, so careful was he to picture real things. The illustrations used should be real to the teacher or they will be meaningless to the pupils. Life comes closest to life. We all recall how eagerly we listened, as children, when mother said, "I remember."

No teacher can accomplish a full measure of good in the lesson hour unless she really loves her pupils and feels a personal interest in them. She must visit them and pray for them, not in a general way, but especially with a knowledge of their homes and an appreciation of their needs in her heart. This acquaintance is necessary in order that the teacher may sympathize with her pupils in their failures and praise them for their successes, in order that she may respect their individuality and direct each child according to its needs. The true teacher will not forget each child is a complete organism, not a bit of child material to be patted into shape at her will.

The Roll Book.

In order that the work of the primary department may not suffer, a good secretary and a well kept roll book are necessary. The plan suggested by Israel Black is an excellent one. He suggests that the secretary should have a table near the entrance of the room in such a position that no child can enter without passing this table. Upon it are placed the roll book and collection box. This plan enables the secretary to take the record of each child as it enters the room and to relieve it of its penny or nickel ere it is rolled about the floor to the disturbance of class order. Mr. Black suggests that the teacher prepare her own roll book, using large sheets of paper and ruling them to show the following named columns: Name, seat, age, birthday, residence and parents' church membership. Columns should be arranged for each Sunday of the year.

The secretary should learn cause of absence of pupils and note the same in attendance column. She should also hand the teachers lists of absentees so that each one can be visited or communicated with by note or card.

Special Exercises.

The primary superintendent should have a good variety of special exercises, but the utmost care should be used in their selection. They should uniformly be of a character to aid in the child's best development. Among them we would place alphabetical Scripture recitations, missionary and temperance exercise and golden texts. The books of the Bible should also be memorized, likewise the Beatitudes and the twenty-third and one hundred and twenty-first Psalms. Motion songs are also very helpful and the birthday box should not be forgotten.

Home Made Helps.

Perhaps some primary superintendent or teacher is thinking there has not been much of practical value to her in these papers, since she has only a little corner of a crowded room for her children, where sand table, kindergarten supplies and kindred helps are not to be thought of. That little corner will be her place in which to glorify God through service

to His little ones, and by His help it may be made bright and beautiful. Screens are easily and cheaply made and two of them can be so placed as to transform the corner into a cosy little room.

Helpful charts and pictures can be secured at a very slight expense. Maps can be made by drawing the outline of the country or city to be represented on a piece of cloth or paper. This outline may be filled in in the presence of the children, to their great interest and delight. One lesson may locate the rivers, another the mountains, or they may be put in one by one, taking one each week, and giving some story in connection with it, which will fix it in the memory of the pupils. As the towns are needed they may be located by a bright colored postage stamp. If your corner cannot have a blackboard, use a slate, or a yard of black calico smoothly tacked upon the wall. The children will love these home-made helps better than the more expensive ones.

If the corner has a window it should be kept bright with plants and flowers and connect every thought of this corner in the minds of the pupils with light, growth and joy.

The Teacher's Aim.

Having the children and the love of God the teacher has the essentials. Her aim, which should never be forgotten, is to develop the image of Christ within her pupils, and she should never be satisfied with less than the best she can accomplish.

It is said the German sculptor, Dannaker, worked eight years on his celebrated statue of our Lord. At the end of two years he thought his task complete and called a little child into his studio to see if she would recognize his ideal. Directing her attention to the figure, he asked: "Who is he?" The child, after consideration, answered, "He is some great man, I think."

Dannaker knew he had failed by the failure of the child to recognize the children's friend. Patiently he returned to his toil. At the end of six years he again called a child to determine the truth of his work. She gazed long upon the benign face and figure before her, the tears filled her eyes and bathed her face. She pressed closer to the marble figure, murmuring "Suffer little children to come"—she knew her Lord.

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IN THE HOME.

NOT KNOWING.

I know not what shall befall me,
God hangs a mist o'er my eyes,
And so at each step of my onward path,
He makes new scenes to rise,
And every joy He sends me comes
As a sweet and glad surprise.

I see not a step before me,
As I tread on another year,
But the past is still in God's keeping,
The future His mercy shall clear,
And what looks dark in the distance,
May brighten as I draw near.

For perhaps the dreaded future
Has less bitter than I think;
The Lord may sweeten the waters
Before I stoop to drink,
Or, if Marah must be Marah,
He will stand beside its brink.

It may be he keeps waiting
Till the coming of my feet,
Some gift of rare blessedness,
Some joy so strangely sweet,
That my lips should only tremble,
With the thanks they cannot speak.

O, restful, blissful ignorance!
'Tis blessed not to know,
It holds me in those mighty arms
Which will not let me go,
And hushes my soul to rest,
On the bosom that loves me so.

So I go on not knowing;
I would not if I might;
I would rather walk in the dark with God,
Than go alone in the light,
I would rather walk with him by faith,
Than walk alone by sight.

My heart shrinks back from trials
Which the future may disclose,
Yet I never had a sorrow
But what the dear Lord chose;
So I send the coming tears back,
With the whispered words "He knows."
—Selected.

THE CORRECTION BOX.

Yesterday morning a missionary man came to our Sabbath school and told us about the little heathen. They don't have to be dressed up, nor learn the catechism, nor sew patchwork, nor behave, nor do anything disagreeable. And they don't know the value of money; they'd a great deal rather have a bright new button than a gold dollar.

In the afternoon, when we were ready for church, mother gave us each a 5-cent piece. "That's to put in the correction box," says she. "The missionary is going to preach, and your father and I want you to give him something for the heathen."

On the way to church Johnny said: "It isn't the least use to send 5 cents to the heathen. They'd rather have a bright button than a gold dollar, and of course they wouldn't care about 5 cents. And there's no candy in heathen land, so what do they want of money, anyhow?"

Then I said: "If I only had my button string we could each give a button and spend the 5 cents for candy, and so we'd be pleased all 'round." Johnny said that was a good idea, and "there's a button loose on my jacket this minute; and if I can twist off another one before the correction box comes 'round, I'll give it to you, Kitty."

The missionary talked a long time, and then they sang "Greenland's Icy Mountains," and then they went 'round with the correction boxes. I had to put in my 5 cents, and then mother and Em put in their money, and last of all Johnny put in his button. He held his hand close to the box when he did it, and then he looked at me behind the others and nodded, so I knew he had his 5 cents safe.

This morning we bought five lovely

squares of taffy. As we were going home Johnny said, "Let's wait till after dinner, and then give everybody a piece." So we waited, and after dinner, just as we took out the candy to divide it, father pulled something bright out of his pocket and rolled it across the table to mother. She thought it was money, and said, "Just what I wanted!" But it wasn't money; it was a brass button.

"Where did you get this?" said she. "I found it in the correction box yesterday," said father. "Some little rascal put it in, I suppose, and spent his money for candy. If he was my son—"

And then mother said, "Why, it is just like Johnny's buttons!" And Sister Em said, "Well, there's one gone off his Sunday jacket."

Every one looked at us. Father said, "John, is this your button?" What could we say but yes? They called us unhappy children, and sent us upstairs. We've both had a wholesome lesson. I had one 'cause they said I put it into Johnny's head. For two weeks father is going to put our pennies away for the heathen, to make us remember. Johnny says he wishes he was a heathen.—St. Nicholas.

A MENTAL POST OFFICE.

"I am trying to establish a mental post office," said a bright little woman the other day. "So many good things belonging to other people come to me, and so often, when there is a sudden call for one of them, I cannot find it until it is too late. Then it has to go back to the dead-letter office, lost opportunity office, or whatever you choose to call it; so that I am trying now to put such things in the boxes where they belong. When I hear a clear explanation of some question that has been troubling a friend, I mentally mark it with her name, and lay it away in my memory for her. When I read a story that is a pat refutation of some dangerous theory advanced by our young student, I store it up where it will be ready the next time I talk with him. The bit of life history I have learned from my brave washerwoman, who thinks 'there's no end of kind folks in this world,' belongs to my well-to-do neighbor who is always bewailing human selfishness.

"No, I don't mean that I am filling my brain with arguments and preachments to pour out upon the unfortunate people who come in my way—not that, at all. But there are so many things which seem to 'belong,' and can be mentioned naturally, if one only remembers them, and then left to do their work."—Forward.

CLINGING HANDS.

"The most awful experience of my life," said a gray-haired man, "was something that happened in my boyhood. I was one of an excursion party on a wrecked steamer, and a number of us escaped to the shore in small boats. Ours held all that it could carry, but as we made our way through the water filled with human beings struggling for their lives, hands grasped our boat, almost sinking it, and had to be beaten off before they would release their hold. It was necessary for our own safety, no doubt, but boy though I was, the horror of knocking away those pleading, clinging hands has haunted me ever since."

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AT CHURCH.

Holy Father, Thou hast taught me
I should live to Thee alone;
Year by year Thy hand hath brought me
On through danger, oft unknown.
When I wandered, Thou hast found me;
When I doubted, sent me light;
Still Thine arm has been around me,
All my paths were in Thy sight.
—J. M. Neale.

FIVE MINUTES' SERMON.

By Peter Ainslie.

*Watch and pray, that ye enter not into temptation.—Matt. 26: 41.

My subject is temptation, and who has not been tempted? You and I have failed a thousand times. To be sure this is no new theme, and a whole world lieth in sorrow because they have been overcome by temptation. Here is a command with so much authority and assurance in it that one who has failed a thousand times, listens with new hope and starts to try again. Our failure in temptation is due largely in thinking religion is a mystery and that the Almighty helps in mysterious ways. Our superstition and not our religion is the cause of this. It was William Cowper, and not the Almighty, who said, "God moves in a mysterious way His wonders to perform," and it is false. The most practical thing in this world is religion, and Paul says Christianity is a "reasonable service." God is frank and Jesus was the expression of that frankness, and the mystery is why men and women have not sense enough to see it. They see it in other things, but our superstition hinders our sight when we come to look at the one thing that is immortal and that is worth looking at. But back to my subject, and it seems very simple. Here is a boy who is employed in a store, and he makes a failure every day in his multiplication. It is not only mortifying to him, but without some improvement he cannot possibly hold his position. He tells his friends about it, and they try to encourage him, and every night, in his prayers, he earnestly prays for more knowledge of accounts, but the boy's method is not only not helping him but is making him lose faith in God or perhaps make him feel that God does not hear such trifling prayers. He is entirely wrong. The chief thing to do is to go home and get his multiplication table. Get it, whatever it costs and mix his prayers with it, and that boy will master his accounts. Now you say that is very true, and the same principle is in religion. The rule against temptation is "watch and pray." Watchfulness indicates something beforehand. The fort has its sentinels and the army its pickets. They prepare for the approach of the enemy. They defend the place that they think will be attacked. Now that is the way we have to do. Paul says "Put on the whole armor," and start with that great rule, "Thy word have I hid in my heart that I might not sin against Thee." The word of God is your multiplication table. Find out your sin. Get all those Scriptures that bear on it. Say them over every day and say them with all your might. Get to use the sword of the spirit before the enemy comes upon you. It is much harder to get Scripture to memory than it is to

*This is the golden text for the Sunday School lesson for Sept. 23, 1900.

kneel down and pray, but your salvation depends upon it as much as the boy's knowledge of the multiplication table depended on holding his position. This is the way Jesus met Satan in the wilderness, and he routed him, although the struggle was desperate. Jesus was tempted in all points, like as we are, but he never yielded. Paul says: "There hath no temptation taken you but such as man can bear; but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation make also the way of escape, that ye may be able to endure it." These temptations are battles, and the sword of the Spirit must be used if we expect to gain the victory. We cannot dally with sin; keep away from it, prepare for its attack while passion is cool and God has promised you the victory. If you wait until some malign passion has possession of you, your will and reason and conscience and self-respect will go down before it and defeat and remorse will drive you perhaps into the night of despair. Prepare for the enemy before the enemy attacks, and practice with God's armaments until you have learned your weakness and God's power, and a new meaning will come to that heavenly command, "Watch and pray that ye enter not into temptation." I have felt it and I know it.

O Lord, stand by us when we are tempted and give us the victory for Jesus' sake. Amen.

BIBLE SCHOOL.

DUTY OF WATCHFULNESS.

Luke 12: 35-46. Sept. 23, 1900.

The chronology of this lesson is uncertain but the most favorable presumption is toward the last week of Jesus' ministry. There is an eternal fitness in all Christ did; hence it is more likely that he spoke of watchfulness near the close than at the beginning of his ministry. He speaks of His return and the reckoning. It was in the latter part of His ministry that He tells them He must go away, now He speaks of the return.

Prophetic Connection.

Jesus had foretold the destruction of Jerusalem and the temple and the dangers attendant. He with His disciples passed out of the city as night drew on and eastward took their way toward Bethany. When they came to Olivet and looked back the Holy City and the temple stood out against the reddened sky, as if prophetic of its burning. Here Jesus wept over the city of the Great King, and in explanation tells with graphic brevity the bewildering succession of events which should attend the destruction of Jerusalem, and beyond this he sees the destruction of all things. How fitting to place this lesson here. It enjoins watchfulness and announces His coming.

The disciples remembered His warnings concerning Jerusalem, and when they saw "the abomination of desolation," by watching, escaped. So the faithful servant shall escape the greater catastrophe.

Faithful Service.

The first four verses present a picture of oriental life. The Master at a wedding feast, the servants girded about the loins and with lamps burning looking for His return. The hours drag tediously on but the faithful remain with their loose flow-

ing garments girt up. They did not slumber nor even lie down to rest. Things go so easily wrong. Upon His return the Master recognizes at once the tired and anxious faces, bids them sit down and exalts them above the place of servants, and, having been served at the wedding, the Master serves the tired and faithful watchers.

The Coming Unexpected.

If we knew the exact hour the Lord would return we would be apt to put off preparation until too late to get ready; not knowing, we are apt to fall asleep and lose all our previous preparation. The only way to be ready to meet the Lord, either in death or in the clouds, is to be always ready. We should live each day and hour as if it were the last. We should keep "the house of this earthly tabernacle" in order and its tenant fed upon the Bread and Water of life that we may be blessed when the Lord cometh.

Reward of Faithfulness

Not only are the apostles but every faithful servant to rule with Christ at His coming. They who humble themselves to faithful service shall not only be like Him but reign with and be served of Him. Jesus' glorification was not to a position of ease but to a new service.

Not Prepared.

The punishments of God are resultant from neglected opportunities. The man who says in his heart my Lord delays His coming, makes unmerciful demands of his fellowmen and in arrogance inflicts indignities on them, is already sharpening the saw to cut himself asunder. Jesus is still his Lord though he obey Him not, and in the unexpected hour shall come and "appoint him his place with the unfaithful. Satan was cast like lightning from Heaven because he was unfaithful to his high estate. So with everyone who shall join him in torment. A man is responsible for the condition of his lamp, but if faithful to the light and responsibility he has will be honored of the Lord. W. B. Taylor.

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CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR.

TARES IN YOUR FIELD.

Growing tares today means flowing tears tomorrow.

When the tares that grow in some lives are burned, the man's entire life product is consumed.

On the fertile human heart tare seed will bring forth as many fold increase as the good seed.

Be sober, be diligent; because your adversary, the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour.—Peter.

Let us first pluck the tares out of our own fields; then we can more consistently help pluck them out of our neighbor's fields.

What a blessed thought that some day the angels will pluck all the tares out of our hearts, and that the virtues will grow and flower in a spiritual realm peculiarly conducive to their development.

We may consider impatience a very trivial matter—a foible that is atoned for with a deprecatory smile; but it is a tare that mars the beauty of many lives. Let us eradicate it from our field without further delay.

Matt. 13: 24-30, 36-43. Sept. 23, 1900.

Satan not only has power to "make the worst appear the better reason," but also to make noxious tares appear as comely flowers. The result is many are vain of personal attributes that should be their shame.

Some of the most unlovely and blighting tares are egotism, ill-temper, envy, covetousness, irreverence, uncharitableness. We differ from insensate fields of soil; we can remove the tares this side of the harvest without injury, but to the improvement of the wheat.

We frequently hear some friend remark, "I have no enemies." They are deceived by the prince of deception. They have an enemy in comparison with whom an army with banners, and all skulking human foes, are impotent to do them hurt. That enemy is the devil, not yet chained, and going about sowing the seeds of sin and death in the lives of men.

The tares of the church are worldly minded members. It seems awful but it is true that "the Son of Man shall send forth His angels, and they shall gather out of His kingdom all things that offend, and them which do iniquity, and shall cast them into a furnace of fire; there shall be wailing and gnashing of teeth."

The justification of this heroic treatment is that if tares once gained entrance into Heaven all the terraces now abloom with celestial florescence would soon, by the law of propagation, be filled with noxious tares.

Tares grew in the lives of the patriarchs and apostles. Abraham falsified to heathen Abimelech; Jacob defrauded his brother out of the birthright; Moses smote the rock and arrogated to himself

undue authority; David sent Uriah to the fore-front of the battle; Peter denied His Lord; John would call down fire from Heaven to consume the discourteous Samaritan; Paul persecuted the disciples with such relentless zeal that the memory of it in after years was torture to him as exquisite as a thorn in the flesh. Search the biographies of all historical characters and you will find but one free from tares—and that is the biography of Jesus of Nazareth. No block of marble was ever more carefully scrutinized by a sculptor intending to raise therefrom a monument to his genius than the life of Jesus has been searched by hostile critics looking for tares or flaws therein. That their search has never been rewarded by a single gratifying discovery does in itself constitute an irresistible proof of his divinity.

Jacksonville, Ill.

Geo L. Snively.

LITERARY NOTES.

Two books which have recently attracted no little attention, filling as they do the niche of the novel, while at the same time preaching a gospel of sanity and devotion, are "Black Rock" and "The Sky Pilot," by Ralph Connor, published by the Revell Company of Chicago. Mr. Connor has certainly discovered a new field which he is improving to the utmost. They are both stories of camp and mining life in the mountains of our northern regions, among the Selkirks and the foothills. The hero of each is a minister, who enters upon the work among the rough inhabitants of a mining town and leads them to a higher appreciation not only of himself and of the strong and sterling Christianity which he represents, but of themselves and their possibilities. In "Black Rock" there is a charming love story, which still further enhances the attractiveness of the narrative, while the "Sky Pilot," the camp name for the preacher, presents as fascinating views of nature and some as exquisite touches of literary skill as are to be found in the writings of any contemporary author. These two books are eminently worth reading if one wishes to see how life may be made effective in the most unpromising surroundings. There is a pure and sweet note of Christian life and optimism struck in each of them. These books lead us to hope that Ralph Connor's mine may be worked still further. (Price \$1.25 each. These books can be secured from the Christian Century Co. by mail on receipt of price. The usual discounts to ministers.)

The Twentieth Century Testament, the first part of which, including the Gospels and Acts, has already appeared, published by the Revell Company, Chicago, is an attempt to give a correct and faithful translation of the New Testament in the words of our common vernacular of today rather than in the sacred style characteristic of the Revised and the authorized versions. The value of the book lies in the breaking up of all that stereotyped form which we so much revere and yet whose very familiarity so often obscures the real meaning of the text. Sometimes the translation is startling in its abruptness, but in this lies its usefulness to the reader. The Twentieth Century Testament is calculated to render a most valuable service and is, we understand, selling very rap-

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CORRESPONDENCE

NEBRASKA'S GREATEST STATE CONVENTION.

The Thirty-third Annual Convention of the Churches of Christ in Nebraska was held at Bethany, Aug. 28th to Sept. 2d. From the view point of numbers present, enthusiasm, and work done, it has no equal in the history of our work in Nebraska. Unlike the conventions of other years it was not held in a church building, but was held in a beautiful grove one half mile south of Cotner University. We slept, ate and transacted the work of the convention in tents. How sweet and pleasant it was for the brethren thus to dwell together in peace and unity, feasting on the good things of the kingdom. It would be impossible to speak of all the good things that the program afforded. We shall only speak of the things that are of chief interest.

The convention was opened Tuesday with a devotional service led by Bro. H. A. Lemon. This was followed by an address by Sumner T. Martin of Omaha on "The Church for the Times." Much praise was bestowed on it by the large audience that heard it.

Wednesday morning we were first treated to an address on "Popular Amusements and the Christian," by E. E. Boyd. The discussion that followed it became quite spirited. After the devotional service President E. V. Forell delivered the president's annual address. W. A. Baldwin followed this with a review of state and department work. At 10:30 G. W. Muckley gave us a stirring address on "Church Extension." Bro. Samuel Gregg followed with a sermon. Wednesday afternoon was C. W. B. M. session. Mrs. Nellie M. Hanna of Bethany spoke words of greeting to the C. W. B. M. workers of the state. Mrs. H. H. Harmon, of David City, responded in a neat speech. After the announcement of the committees and reports of officers we listened to the president's annual review by Mrs. M. G. Himes. It showed the work of the C. W. B. M. in a good condition. Mrs. Alice Wickizer followed this with an eloquent address on C. W. B. M. work. In the evening Miss Adelaide G. Frost delivered an address on India. She won the hearts of all present. Sister Frost bears with her the prayers and well wishes of all who heard her.

The officers for the coming year are: President, Mrs. J. S. McCleery; vice-president, Mrs. Dema Oeschger; corresponding secretary and organizer, Miss Olive Griffith; recording secretary, Mrs. Mary D. Aylsworth; treasurer, Mrs. Nellie Hanna; superintendent of Young People's Department, Mrs. L. M. Wiles. Thursday forenoon was devoted to the Bible school interests. J. W. Hilton gave an address on "Secret Orders and the Christian." After this E. E. Boyd, superintendent of Bible schools, made a report of the Sunday Schools of the state. B. L. Smith followed this by an address on "Boys' and Girls' Rally Day." It was up to his regulation efforts. We next listened to a symposium on Sunday School Missionary efforts. At 11:15 Mrs. L. A. Hussong spoke on "The Power of Early Impressions." The morning session ended with an address on Home Missions, by B. L. Smith. Thursday afternoon was given over to the Christian Endeavor interests. Papers were read by Elmer Ireland and Mrs. O. A. Adams. A round

table was conducted by G. J. Chapman. Frank Janes and F. L. Pettit made short addresses. This session was closed by a stirring address from J. H. Hardin on "Means of Culture." Thursday evening our returned missionary from China, Bro. F. E. Meigs, gave an address on China. By common consent his address was considered one of the greatest delivered before the convention. A large number of churches have asked Bro. Meigs to visit them after the meeting of the National Convention at Kansas City. His work among the churches will stimulate interest in foreign missions. Friday morning's session was opened with an able address on "The Church and Politics" by W. T. Hacker. The remainder of the morning was given to the business part of the convention. The report of the corresponding secretary, Bro. W. A. Baldwin, showed that the work in Nebraska is in a healthy condition. The officers for coming year are: President, E. V. Forell; vice-president, Thomas Rawlings; recording secretary, J. W. Hilton; treasurer, T. E. Wilson. The Sunday School work and the Christian Endeavor work were consolidated, so that in the place of having two superintendents, as heretofore, both departments are to be looked after by one superintendent. Bro. E. E. Boyd was selected to fill this joint superintendency. The committee on future work recommended that the Missionary Board employ a corresponding secretary for the coming year for full time. This was adopted by the convention. Through the efforts of Bro. D. A. Wickizer forty persons were secured who pledged themselves to be responsible for the salary of such a secretary if he be secured. This is a step forward. Amen.

In the afternoon the convention held its session in the chapel of Cotner University. It was the educational session, and was presided over by W. P. Aylesworth, president of Cotner University. The first business transacted was the election of trustees by the certificate holders. The following were elected: J. E. Coffey, N. K. Griggs, J. H. Taylor, Edwin Jeary, W. A. Baldwin, A. C. Corbin, William Oeschger, F. L. Sumpter, John Curry, C. M. Wetherald, Thomas Rawlings, C. Rockhill, George Parmenter, H. A. Lennon and J. W. Hilton. We next listened to the report of the educational secretary, J. W. Hilton. This was the closing chapter of our great struggle for Cotner University. It was what we have prayed and labored for during many days. We thank God for the victory. The report was followed by an address on "Our Educational Problems of the Northwest," by D. A. Wickizer. The writer spoke for a short time on "The Needs of Our Colleges." President Aylesworth was to have spoken but instead furnished a substitute in the person of J. H. Hardin, who was listened to with pleasure. Before leaving the college \$335 was raised in a few minutes towards paying the salary of a field secretary, whose duty it shall be to solicit students and funds for the university. The visitors present were all conducted through the beautiful college building. In the evening, J. H. Hardin delivered a great address on "Some Perils of the American College." Saturday morning was devoted to the interests of the Ministerial Association. Two things are worthy of special mention. The one was the excellent work done by Bro. R. A. Schell, secretary of the association. It

is largely through his untiring efforts that our Ministerial Association has been brought up to its present healthy condition. The other was the paper read by A. C. Corbin, in which he reviewed Dr. Watson's "Mind of the Master." It was a literary gem. In the afternoon the convention listened to an address by a native of Japan. He was a member of one of our sister churches. O. H. Trueman delivered a sermon in the evening on "Divine Providence." Lord's day morning a regular Bible School session was held, conducted by Miss Margaret Hallett. At 11 President W. P. Aylesworth preached to the people. The chief feature of the afternoon service was the address by Elmer Cole on "The Paramount Issue." In the evening, which was the last session, Mrs. S. M. Walker, president of the State W. C. T. U., spoke on "The W. C. T. U. and Its Relation to the Liquor Traffic." This ended the greatest convention our people ever held in Nebraska. Special mention is due the Cotner Ladies' Quartet and Prof. C. R. Travis, of Lincoln, who had charge of the music. The people of Bethany have the thanks of the brotherhood of the state for their kindness shown in so many ways. The place for holding our conventions for all time to come is Bethany. We go there next year.

Wm. Oeschger.

NEBRASKA SECRETARY'S LETTER.

We have just closed the greatest convention in the history of Nebraska missionary work. Over four hundred were enrolled and the enthusiasm was never allowed to lag from the very beginning. Speakers were at no time compelled to speak to empty seats. The program was carried out as published with very little change, and was excellent. Some numbers were of a character to arouse a little criticism and discussion. But it is not unprofitable to be compelled to see the other side occasionally.

The grounds proved to be even more delightfully adapted to the convention than we had anticipated. When the tents were all in place and the little city occupied, it was a lovely spot, and with the unusually fine weather that was in attendance all the week, the whole occasion was one full of delight. The convention was so well pleased that they unanimously voted to return to the same spot next year.

The music was especially good. This was brought about by the efficient leadership of Bro. C. R. Travis, and the courtesy of the Century Company in loaning us Christian Melodies for use. It speaks well for the book when I note the fact that the most of the two hundred books sent us were sold on the ground. A new policy was adopted for future work, which includes the employment of a corresponding secretary whose whole time shall be taken in the work, doing the work of an evangelist as well as the other work attaching to the office. This will so alter the course to be pursued that very little, if any, help can be given to the churches direct aside from the appropriation made by the National Board. Bro. F. A. Bright was asked to take this place, but a telegram from him arrived at the convention announcing that he could not return to Nebraska this year.

Nebraska Day this year will be the first Lord's day in November, and the churches are urgently requested to re-

member this and during the month of October prepare for it. The apportionment plan was continued, and the list of apportionments will be soon made out, and the notice will be sent at the opening of October.

Pending the employment of a suitable man for corresponding secretary and evangelist, the board asked me to look after the work, and in order that the work might not drag at the opening of the year, I accepted the trust. Until further notice the work will be directed from here as usual. Remittances should all be made to me.

The matter of rates to Kansas City is under advisement by the committee appointed for the purpose. The following brethren are members of that committee with myself: Howard Cramblett, South Omaha; H. G. Wilkinson, Hastings; Wm. Oeschger, Fairbury; A. C. Corbin, Beaver City; J. W. Hilton, Bethany. Any information desired may be obtained by writing to me or any member of the committee. All items of news as, who are going, and how, should be furnished to this committee. Keep in touch with them, as we are trying to get accommodations that will make it to your interest to go with us. Let us stand together and we will have some chance of getting not only good service, but the lowest rates. We are trying for a one-fare open rate.

One word more as to Church Extension. This is the month, and let us not forget that we should be in line with this great work. Do not allow the month to go by without attending to it. The third Lord's day should be the latest date set if possible. Beem had over 90 additions at Tekamah.

W. A. Baldwin.

NEBRASKA NOTES.

My wife enjoyed the State Convention on the encampment plan, this year, with me.

The enrollment at the State Convention was more than double last year: 133 certificates for railway fare came in.

Preachers Johnson of Minden, Wentworth of Havelock, Clutter of Brock, Beem of Blair, Smith of Brainard, are now enrolled students at Cotner this year.

J. S. Beem is in a great meeting, with Singer Garry Smith assisting, at Tekamah. 92 to date, prospects good for many others. This is a new point and a county seat. Nebraska is proud of this work.

Geo. R. Boomer of Beatrice has taken to himself a worthy companion for life, Sister Grace Younkin of Beatrice. They will locate as pastors with the church at Chester, Neb.

We have labored as evangelistic pastor for Blue Springs and Wymore for five months preparing the latter place for better things. Evangelists C. S. Atwood and wife, who assisted us in a grand four weeks' meeting at Red Cloud, with fifty-three additions, last December, returned with us from the State Convention to lead us in a protracted effort. We hope for great things even in this difficult field.

L. A. Hussong.

Wymore, Neb., Sept. 5th.

MINISTERIAL READING COURSE.

At the last regular meeting of the Ministerial Associations of Nebraska, held in conjunction with the State Convention, at Bethany, the committee chosen to

select the books for this year's reading, made the following selection:

1. Life and Times of Jesus, the Messiah, by Alfred Edersheim.
2. The Messiahship, by Walter Scott.
3. Missionary Fields and Forces of the Disciples, by W. J. Shannon.
4. The Church and the Kingdom, by Washington Gladden.
5. A Brief Introduction to the Study of Theology, by R. V. Foster.

At the meeting in which this course was adopted, the writer was requested to get the best rates on these books from the houses that handle them. To secure these books at lower figures than the regular rates we must club together. If you, my fellow preachers, want one or all of these books will you not drop me a card to that effect. Do it at once. The regular retail prices for the books are:

1. Life and Times of Jesus, by Edersheim. Price, \$1.25. Fleming H. Revell, Chicago, Ill.

2. The Messiahship, by Walter Scott. Price, 75 cents. Christian Publishing Co., St. Louis, Mo.

3. Missionary Fields and Forces of the Disciples, by W. J. Shannon. Price, 35 cents, J. Z. Tyler, 798 Republic street, Cleveland, Ohio.

The Church and the Kingdom, by Washington Gladden, comes at 50 cents. It, as well as A Brief Introduction to the Study of Theology, by R. V. Foster, price \$1, is sold by Fleming H. Revell, Chicago, Ill. By sending for a goodly number we can get them cheaper. Send in your order and we will get the reduction.

Wm. Oeschger,
Chairman of Committee.

PENNSYLVANIA.

The Annual Convention of the Christian Missionary Society of Eastern Pennsylvania is to be held at Reading, Sept. 11th and 13th.

The vigorous young church in Reading, under the charge of Bro. H. G. Weaver, will provide for the entertainment of the delegates, furnishing lodging and breakfast free.

A very full and varied program has been provided, representing all departments of the work. Short speeches will be the rule, and nearly all the preachers and workers in the district will be heard.

F. D. Power of Washington, D. C., will give an address on "Our Plea." G. L. Wharton, late of India, will present the cause of foreign missions. C. C. Smith of Cincinnati will speak in the interest of home missions.

This promises to be one of the best conventions held in eastern Pennsylvania for years.

"Star of the East" is the new paper recently launched at Harrisburg in the interests of the eastern Pennsylvania work. It is eight-page, three-column, good paper and type, sensible and newsy. H. F. Lutz, pastor of the New Church at Harrisburg, is editor, with a large corps of regular contributors, and C. W. Harvey, pastor at Plymouth, as associate editor. The paper is published monthly at 35 cents per year. It will be a very valuable aid to the associated work of the east Pennsylvania churches.

J. H. Goodinier of Troy is preaching half time at North Union. He would be glad to have employment for the remaining half time.

E. F. Randall is getting the work well in hand in Troy. He is planning a vigorous campaign for the fall and winter.

F. J. Appleman reports two baptisms and one restored at Canoe Camp recently. The Covington congregation, Bro. A.'s other preaching point, will build a new church building.

J. W. Bolton continues his good work at Sweet Valley and Huntsville. One baptized and one restored recently.

The Second Church, Williamsport, recently organized, makes steady progress. G. C. Zeigler of the Cogan-House Field, and C. A. Brady of the First Church, alternate in supplying them with preaching. Four persons have recently been added. The community is being aroused by the plea.

Cogan House has built a parsonage for their minister, and Steam Valley, another of Bro. Ziegler's preaching points, is repairing and refurnishing their church house.

C. H. Frick, son of M. C. Frick, and a Hiram student, may be engaged by the Mill Hall Congregation for a time.

H. F. Lutz and his enthusiastic co-workers are still gaining triumphs in Harrisburg, the state capitol. Three persons were added to the church there during August.

The church in Le Roy is at present without a pastor. R. H. Bolton has been compelled to retire from the pastorate on account of failing health.

M. S. Blair is carrying on the work in and about Big Run with characteristic energy. Bro. Blair is an "Expansionist," and goes into the surrounding territory wherever there is an open door. He recently baptized five persons at Roseville, near the county seat of Jefferson County, and the outlook is good there for the building up of a congregation. He holds Sunday afternoon meetings at Anita and gets a good hearing.

Six persons have recently been baptized and seven reclaimed, in the work at Estella and Hills Grove. That field is now without pastoral care. F. E. Spooner the late pastor there is now at Grover, and reports a good interest in that work. He is opening up some new preaching points thereabouts.

A. Dow Butterick, our Drummer Evangelist, located at Harrisburg, preaches as he goes. He spoke at Le Moyne, Pa., Aug. 5th; Somerville, N. J., Aug. 7th; Brockton, Mass., Aug. 12th; Third Church, Philadelphia, Aug. 19th. There are frequent confessions in his Erie, Pa., Sept. 7th. M. B. Ryan, meetings.

CHARLOTTESVILLE LETTER.

After several weeks of unsatisfactory work because of my physical condition I left Charlottesville June 18th for southwestern Virginia, where I spent six weeks in almost absolute rest. My health is much improved and, excepting time spent at Piedmont Assembly and Alleghany Convention, I have been at work here since July 28th. Considering the hot weather of August and the previous absence of the pastor, the work here has been very encouraging. Congregations have been very good, and scarcely a Lord's day since my return has been without one or more additions to the church. We are hopeful of our fall and winter work.

Those who have been absent during the summer have returned or will soon do so. C. A. Young and family are back from Europe. W. C. Hull and family return the 7th of Sept. O. L. Huffman, T. B. McCartney and other brethren will be

with us when the university session opens, Sept. 15th. Richard Bagley and wife will come Oct. 1st. All these will be helpful to us through the winter. Miss May Perry, our junior worker and Sunday School teacher, who has been absent most of the summer, has returned and those departments of work, in which she has proved so helpful, will be greatly strengthened by her presence. Some of our workers are still absent, but we hope soon to have all "the force" at work.

We have this year, as usual, our weekly class studying the Bible by books. We hope to have a larger class and do better work this year than before.

Mrs. O. B. Sears is president of our Christian Endeavor Society. Her energy and enthusiasm are telling in the work of the society and we all think that she will prove to be the best president we have ever had. Our society will no doubt hereafter believe in "woman's rights." Sister Sears recently organized a society of seventeen members at Piedmont Church.

I am sending out letters and report forms to all our district secretaries of Sunday Schools. We want a full, complete report for the State Convention. Let every school that has not yet reported do so at once through the district secretary. The secretary will then send report of the district to me.

It is not too soon to think about our State Convention in Richmond. Let every church be represented that we may have an enthusiastic gathering in our capital city.

Bernard P. Smith.

Charlottesville, Va., Sept. 5, 1900.

MD., DEL., AND D. C.

Your correspondent visited Jerusalem, Fork and Joppa, Md., for two weeks, preached two sermons while there. Howard Blake of Washington, N. C., is preaching at these churches for a month. He preaches well. The brethren are considering the matter of employing him. I came to Snow Hill on the East Shore of Maryland, Sept. 1st. Preached morning of the 2d here and at Good Will at night. Am preaching a few evenings at the former place. Last night the text was "Tekel." Some of the rum voters rather winced when they got weighed. I expect to visit Olivet, Perry, Hawkins, Bethany and Salisbury churches while on the shore, so I can make report as secretary to our convention at Baltimore, Oct. 1-4.

Brethren, the time is short; appoint your delegates. We expect cards for reduced rates on railroads. Don't forget the apportionment. Your board needs every dollar.

We expect a grand convention. Look for the program in next issue of the Christian Century.

I find this paper taken by some members here. I hope to be at Boonesboro the 23d and Hyattstown the 30th.

J. A. Hopkins, Cor. Sec.

Clayton, Md.

HAMPSHIRE CONVENTION.

The Hampshire district convention was held with the church at Augusta, Hampshire county, West Virginia, August 30 to September 2. The preachers present were W. H. Paterson, H. C. Carpenter, J. E. Kidwell and the writer. This was the twenty-first convention of the district. There are now in the district eleven

churches and between six and seven hundred disciples. The new church at Augusta was dedicated on Lord's day by the writer. It is estimated that there were more than 1,500 people present. At this writing there have been eight confessions. W. Paterson continues the meeting.

Oranda, Va.

W. L. Dudley.

IOWA STATE CONVENTION.

The University Place Church was the busy center for the yearly gathering of Iowa Disciples Sept. 3-7. The pastor, Dr. I. N. McCash, was still absent on his trip abroad, but the church made every possible arrangement for the comfort of the delegates. We heard it said that the attendance was not so large as common, about three hundred being present from abroad, but the program was good and strong, and the atmosphere charged with enthusiasm.

J. M. Hoffman, a former Missourian, was the affable president. As we expect a detailed report from some of our regular contributors, we confine this statement to a few items picked up in the vestibule and at the book stands.

Who and What.

H. P. Williams is visiting churches and lecturing on the Philippines.

Vernon Harrington and wife are in a three weeks' tent meeting at Dallas Center, helping J. S. Coffin.

J. V. Updike is expected in December at Minburn.

E. J. Wright thinks the religious weekly is a "friendly visitor."

C. Durant Jones is doing a business in religious literature and supplies, office in Des Moines.

J. H. Painter had charge of the business of The Christian Index.

J. R. Bell, pastor at Washington, Kan., has returned to his work after a vacation spent with Iowa friends.

W. E. Jones, whose home is at Seymour, preaches at Long Grove and Dixon.

Edward Wright is building new churches at both his charges, Stanhope and Kamrar.

M. L. Anthony and F. M. Ruth, assisted J. H. McNery in a meeting at De Soto. Eight additions in two weeks.

J. V. Coombs and De Loss Smith begin a meeting at Severance, Sept. 9.

W. E. M. Hackleman conducted the music with admirable taste.

Clinton Aber, pastor at De Witt and Le Claire, will probably hold his own meeting in October.

After three years' work at Moulton, C. P. Leach goes to Yale for special study.

The church at Valley Junction, E. J. Wright, pastor, conducted a dining hall at the State Fair, and cleared \$250. They have let the contract for a new building.

H. Ford is studying at Drake University and preaching for the Redfield

Church. He came from Australia three years ago, and has a popular illustrated lecture on "The Queen of the Southern Seas."

S. G. Griffith, Stafford, Ohio, visited the convention, and may locate in Iowa.

J. P. McKnight gave an encouraging report of his beginning at Oskaloosa.

F. L. Moffett, of Centerville, is busy with a \$25,000 building enterprise.

W. R. McCrea has been at work three months at Clarksville.

T. S. Handsaker, pastor at Collins, expects D. D. Boyle to help in a meeting in October.

Sherman Hill leaves Hampton Oct. 1st after two years of splendid work.

C. L. Hayes, Esq., of Eldora, was looking for a preacher.

Geo. E. Lyon graduated from Drake last June; he takes the work at Mt. Sterling, Ill., Sept. 9th.

Jas. T. Nichols, of Vinton, has baptized 101 during his first year there, and added 43 otherwise. Present membership, 251. The church gave him a vacation of seven weeks, to visit London and Paris.

A. L. Criley, Eddyville, uses the Sunday School lesson for prayer meeting topic with good results.

J. P. Rowilson is in the evangelistic field. His last meeting was at Boston, Ky., J. E. Payne, pastor, two weeks, five confessions, one by letter.

Drake University is being blessed by wise administration. Improvements are in evidence on every hand. Chancellor Craig's artistic hand has been laid upon it.

F. G. T.

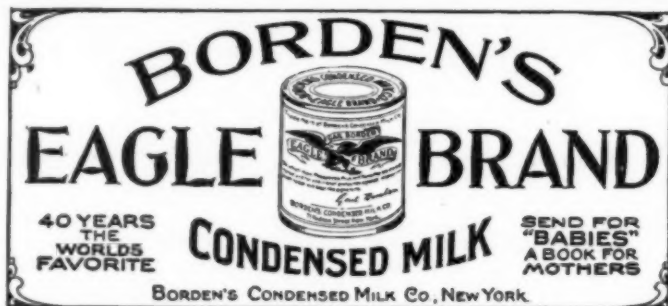
SECRETARY'S LETTER.

The state convention will be reported by the committees appointed for that purpose. This letter will give only some of the items of the secretary's report.

During the year ending July 1, 36 new auxiliaries were organized, four since that date, making 40 in convention year. A number have disbanded but our net gain is 729. We hope the September reports will materially increase this report. The full amount of funds reported for the year amounts to \$8,585.45. This is a gain of \$1,076.82 over last year.

The banner for greatest per cent of gain in funds was awarded to the N. E. district, which gained 31½ per cent. The banner for greatest per cent of gain in members was awarded to the N. W., which gained 51 per cent. Other districts made creditable gain.

Those who in addition to the other requirements raised an average of 5 cents per member per month for state fund are given first place on the roll of honor. The second place includes those who sent at least 2½ per mo. The record stands as follows:



FIRST PLACE.

Jefferson, Schaller, Cedar Rapids, Grun-
den Center, Clarinda, Logan, Malvern,
Missouri Valley, Prescott, Humeston, Iowa
City, North English, Kellogg.

SECOND PLACE.

Ames, Boone, Cherokee, Clyborn, Mar-
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Altoona, Des Moines, Central, University
Place, Central Young Ladies', University
Place Young Women, East Des Moines, De
Soto, Newton, Granger.

The above 71 auxiliaries have won the
place and a number of others only lacked
a little on state funds to be included.

Will the auxiliaries that have held their
September meeting please report at once
and others as early as possible that the
secretary may prepare her report for the
national convention.

Annette Newcomer,
State Secretary.

GREELEY, (IOWA) LETTER

Grand Rally and Roll-Call.

To the brethren scattered abroad:
Greeting: Sunday, Sept. 16, 1900, has
been designated by the Church of Christ
at Greeley, Iowa, as the day for a general
rally and roll-call. Every member of this
congregation is hereby respectfully re-
quested to report to this meeting either
in person or by letter.

Members living within reasonable
reach of Greeley will be expected to be
present, and those living at a distance
are earnestly requested to write and tell
us of their faith in Christ, and whether
they wish still to be continued as mem-
bers of this congregation.

All former pastors who may see this
are requested to be present if convenient;
but if you cannot come, please write a
word of encouragement to be read to the
assembly. Whether you live at a dis-
tance or within easy reach do not fail to
write if you cannot be present. We want
to get in line for a big meeting this fall
or early winter. Will you kindly drop me
a card at once, telling us whether you
can or cannot be present.

Fraternally yours,

D. H. Bays, Pastor.

HERE AND THERE.

Augst 31st, at noon, I started from my
home, Neptune, Ohio, for Humeston,
Iowa, to begin my fall campaign for
Christ and His church. At Burlington,
Iowa, I purchased the Burlington Hawk-
eye of the news agent. He told me it
was "Bob Burdette's" paper. I remem-
bered "Bob." I had met him. He also
said it was the best paper in Iowa. I told
him he would not dare to say that in Des
Moines. I opened up the paper and soon
learned its politics, and then I saw a
picture of a very familiar face. It was
"A. W. Place, the strongest man of the
Chicago University." I remembered him
as a little boy, when I used to visit his
father's home. Alfred is a young preach-
er now, and is from a fine family. If he
had gone out and brought one hundred

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came to Humeston and found my good
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the meeting. Preached twice yesterday
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ter. Humeston is a nice little town of
about 1,000 inhabitants, and four
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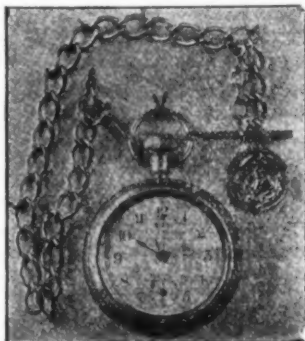
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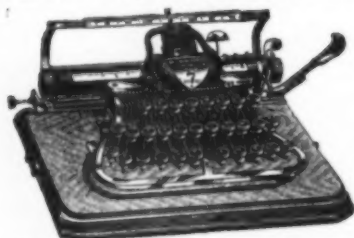
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